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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

IN THE COURSE OF MY RECENT TRIP TO PANAMA, I HEARD DISTURBING REPORTS THAT THE GENERAL HAS RESPONDED TO THE KIDNAPPING BY AN INCREASE IN ARBITRARY ARREST, MURDER AND EVEN ASSASSINATION. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE ARE UNDER SPECIAL CONSTRAINTS NOW TO MONITOR THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE ARE MEETING STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE CONGRESS ON THE CHILE ISSUE DEMONSTRATES THAT IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY ON THE HILL, WE MUST BE PARTICULARLY MINDFUL OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA NOW. I KNOW YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU LET US HAVE A PRECISE ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GON IS MEETING HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND THAT THERE BE WITHIN YOUR EMBASSY STRUCTURE A MECHANISM FOR CONTINUOUSLY MONITORING THIS ISSUE AS IT DEVELOPS IN THE FUTURE --
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THIS, SO THAT WE WILL BE AT ANY MOMENT ABLE TO PROVIDE AN

UPDATED AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ANALYSIS OF THE LEVEL
OF PERFORMANCE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. ALL IN THE
DEPARTMENT ARE, OF COURSE, FULLY AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY
OF SUCH AN EXERCISE. KISSINGER

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